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**Supplemental
Notice of Allowability**

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Examiner

Melanie Jagannathan

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to claim numbering error found 8/29/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 7, 23, 25, 26, 5, 6, 8-10, 12-13, 15-18, 14, 19-22 renumbered as 1-24 respectively.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

- An error in numbering of claims was found and Examiner submits herewith a supplemental action correcting above error.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-4, 7, 23, 25, 26, 5-6, 8-10, 12-13, 15-18, 14, 19, 20-22 are allowed renumbered 1-24 as shown in Notice of Allowability.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 1, prior art of record does not disclose, in single or in combination, tunnel header is configured so that packet-switched network device routing or forwarding packets according to network address does not reference tunnel packet payload in combination with other limitations of the claim.

Regarding claims 5, 6, 14, please refer to previous office action for reasons for indicating allowable subject matter.

Regarding claim 8, prior art of record does not disclose, in single or in combination, aggregating tunneled datagrams assigned to a common outbound multiplex into outbound tunnel packet payload and encapsulating the outbound tunnel packet payload using Layer 2 tunneling protocol in combination with other limitations of the claims.

Regarding claims 10, 14, prior art of record does not disclose, in single or in combination, the revised header is configured that a device routing or forwarding

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packets cannot examine contents of outbound packet tunnel payload in combination with other limitations of the claims.

Regarding claim 19, prior art of record does not disclose, in single or in combination, tunnel header is adapted to cause outbound tunnel packet payload to tunnel under layer three network layer in combination with other limitations of the claims.

Regarding claim 20, prior art of record does not disclose, in single or in combination, revised header causes outbound tunnel packet payload to tunnel through router that performs network layer routing in combination with other limitations of the claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melanie Jagannathan whose telephone number is 571-272-3163. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi Pham can be reached on 571-272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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